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Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Czarinna Andres
Diane Ballek
Sandra Bigitschke
Bessie Cassaro
Stephen Cooper
Lisa Deller
Sally Frank
Ira Greenberg
Kenneth Greenberg
Richard Gundlach
Ellen Kang
Denise Keehan-Smith
Badrin Khan
Marie Konecko
Donald McCallian
Taina McShane

Thomas Mituzas
Dorothy Morehead
Patrick Murray
Patrick O'Brien
Elliot Park
Steven Raga
Lakshmi Reddy
Norberto Saldana
Moitri Savard
Regina Shanley
Michael Son
Carol Terrano
Karolina Tosi
Rebecca Trent
Anthony Tudela
Santiago Vargas

Absentees

Terri Adams
Ryan Balas
Anna Bridge
Claudia Chan
William Garrett
Benjamin Guttmann
Anne Hart
Mohammed Jewel

Jordan Levine
Sheila Lewandowski
Dominic Lippolis
Charles Markey
Elba Santiago
Lauren Springer
Mary Torres

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, District Manager
MaryAnn Gurrado

Elected Officials

Aliya Latif, New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office
John Perricone, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office
Dylan Cepeda, Council Member Elizabeth Crowley's Office
Kenny Medrano, Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer's Office

Department of City Planning

Alexis Wheeler

Guests

Deputy Inspector John Travaglia, 108th Police Precinct
Devon Rincon, USPS
Fabrice Armand, NYC Department of Correction
Elizabeth Foley
Carol Nordquist
Kathleen Jacob
Ann Casey
Calvin Brown
Amy Fitzgerald
Melanie Alfo
Chrissi Fabro

Public Comment

Dorothy Kominsky
William Kregler
Amy Paul, Woodside on the Move
Andres Pazmino
Jim Condes
Witold Rak
Paul Salow
Laura Heim
Jeffrey Kroessler
Herbert Reynolds
Liz Reynolds

Diane Giorgi
Sean McGowan
Tommy Schrider
Deb McGowan
Kati O'Sullivan
Deborah Alexander, CEC 30
Valerie Lamour, CEC 30
Arthur Pearson
Thomas Farnham
Gerald Perrin
Peggy Perrin
Jeremy Karekeu
Barry Druss
Harley Spiller

Pledge of Allegiance

Denise Keehan-Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Aliya Latif, New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office

Ms. Latif provided the following update:

- According to a review of anti-discrimination laws conducted by the Office of NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, City and State agencies are not expressly prohibited from discriminating against companies owned by minorities, women or LGBTQ individuals as they bid on contracts. In response Comptroller Stringer announced that in collaboration with other elected officials new legislation will be introduced to expand anti-discrimination protections to every business owner in New York. Each year, the City spends close to \$14 billion purchasing everything from paperclips to firetrucks, but recent reports from Comptroller Stringer have shown that the City has failed to fully include Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs) in the procurement process. In 2015, only \$725 million – just 5.3% of total procurement spending went to M/WBE's seriously hurting business owners' ability to grow their companies, hire more New Yorkers and drive our local economy.
- NYC Comptroller Stringer's announced that the research and investigations unit of his Audit Bureau will lead a new probe into the City's Administration for Children's Services. The Comptroller's investigators will follow-up on a June 2016 audit which found the agency conducted shoddy, inconsistent and incomplete investigations into child abuse. The inquiry will explore whether ACS has acted on any of the key reforms they committed to in June.

- NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer will be holding the following events:
 - Polish Breakfast will be held on October 7, 2016.
 - Italian Breakfast will be held on October 14, 2016.
 - Diwali's Celebration will be held on November 2, 2016.

John Perricone, Queens Borough President Melinda Katz's Office

Mr. Perricone provided the following update:

- The Borough President officially opened the Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hall.
- The Borough President will be holding the following events:
 - Annual Italian American Event at St. Johns University on October 25, 2016.
 - Annual Diwali Celebration on October 26, 2016.

Dylan Cepeda, Council Member Elizabeth Crowley's Office

Mr. Cepeda provided the following update:

- DOT will be installing louvers, which are covers on the street light at 61st and Laurel Hill Boulevard. This will enable people to see the lights from further away.
- DOT will be conducting a traffic study for 61st Street and 50th Avenue.
- Council Member Crowley has secured funding for trees for district 30. Anyone interested in a street tree may contact the Council Member's office.
- A local civic group has reported rats in the lots near the BQE and LIE. Rat sightings may be reported to the Council Member's Office.
- Maurice Park borders CB 2 and CB 5 and is currently in procurement. There will be a ground breaking 2017.
- Council Member Crowley's Office offers free Immigration Services every Wednesday.

Kenny Medrano, Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer's Office

Mr. Medrano provided the following update:

- Discussed Participatory Budgeting.
- Thanked Deputy Inspector Travaglia for his responsiveness and for doing an amazing job.
- Council Member/Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer announced last week the purchase and plans for renovation of the abandoned Phipps Playground.
- Announced the new Ferry Landing at LIC North, and thanked Debbie Markell Kleinert for attending this event.
- Announced the Topping-Off Ceremony at the Hunter's Point Library.
- Announced Hispanic Heritage Month, October 18, 2016 will be held at Thalia Theatre on 41st Street and Greenpoint Avenue at 6:30 to 8:30.

Deputy Inspector John Travaglia, Commanding Officer, 108th Police Precinct

Deputy Inspector Travaglia provided the following update:

- Thanked the community for all their help on the July 4, 2016 fireworks event at Hunters Point Park.
- Deputy Inspector Travaglia provided the following crime stats:
 - For the last 28 days, we are down overall 15%.
 - Grand larceny is up by 2%.
 - Overall grand larcenies have been plaguing them all year long and are up 24%, 397 versus 319.
 - The majority are not street crimes. They are financial crimes such as bad credit cards; identify theft, cell phones being opened up.
 - The 108th has been conducting crime prevention.
 - There has been an increase in the number of Scams, such as the IRS calling. The IRS does not call anyone for money. This should be reported to the 108th Police Precinct, or 911. The Deputy Inspector advised all to not give money over the phone to anyone.
 - There have been scams on Craig's list as well.
 - Robberies are down 8 versus 10, down 20%.
 - Felony assaults are 12 versus 13, down 7%.
 - Burglaries are down 45%.
 - Stolen cars are 12 versus 19, down 36%.
 - Major crimes are going down; however, there is an issue that is a new problem developing since August 29, 2016. The 108th has been dealing with the stealing of catalytic converters from vehicles. The chromium is valuable and is easily converted into cash. There were 20 of these crimes reported. This crime is taking place mostly in Sunnyside and Woodside and the PD is working on it.
- In response to question, Deputy Inspector Travaglia discussed the Mail "Fishing" Scam. Thieves are using sticky mouse traps and other sticky objects attached to a long string to place into the mail box to grab the mail at the bottom. They are fishing for sensitive personal information and personal checks. They are using a process known as check washing, mail snatchers erase the ink on a check with chemicals found in common household cleaning products and then rewrite the checks to themselves, increasing the amount payable by hundreds and even thousands of dollars. It is highly recommended that a gel pen like the Uniball 207 that uses gel ink that contains tiny particles of color that are trapped into the paper, making check washing a lot more difficult.
- He encouraged all to pay bills on line.
- A board member reported the issue of double parked cars on the north side of Hunters Point Avenue between 33rd and 36th Street.
- Deputy Inspector announced Coffee with a Cop day, will be held on October 9, 2016, at Hunters Point South Park at Coffeed Restaurant on Borden and Center Boulevard. This is

National Coffee with a Cop Day. It will take place with the Department of Justice, the Park Police and the 108th Police Precinct from 11 to 2 pm.

- Deputy Inspector discussed calling 911 versus 311 and stated that if there is suspicious activity, residents should call 911, and the call will be filtered appropriately.
- In response to a question by a board member, Deputy Inspector discussed the installation of cameras.

Fabrice Armand, Department of Corrections:

Mr. Armand provided the following update:

- The Department of Corrections is hiring for uniform and non-uniform staff. There is a need, as many officers are retiring after 20 years of service.
- This is a great opportunity, and CO's make approximately \$34,000 to start and after 5 1/2 make \$94,000, base salary.
- There are also non-uniform positions available.
- Anyone interested in applying for a job with the NYC Department of Corrections may find more information on their website at: www.jointheboldest.com.
- In response to a question, the DOC cannot release prisoners into the neighborhood, without consent of the Council Member and Community Board.
- Mr. Armand announced that if there are any questions, the general number to call is: (718) 546-3100.
- Mr. Armand provided flyers for more information.

Devon Rincon, Supervisor, Woodside Post Office

Mr. Rincon provided the following update:

- Mr. Rincon announced that he has been assigned to the Woodside Post Office, at 39-25 61st Street.
- He apologized that the Post Office has not been providing the level of service that it should be providing.
- The USPS is dedicated to providing the best quality service.
- The USPS is working diligently to reestablish their integrity.
- Mr. Rincon announced that he is present to offer a face to the organization and offer a point of contact and provided his telephone number: (718) 803-8259.
- All matters brought to his attention are being forwarded to the appropriate area for resolution.

- In response to a question from a board member regarding tamper proof mail boxes, Mr. Rincon was unable to provide a response to this question, but will forward the information to the appropriate parties.
- Mr. Rincon reported that he visited Big Six Towers, as there were complaints of several mail boxes that were tampered with.

Ms. Keehan-Smith stated the current postal worker is not closing the mail boxes, so anyone can take the mail out. Mr. Rincon stated he is aware of this and when someone sees this happening, it must be reported to the local post office.

A board member spoke about substitute mail carriers that were brought in after her mail carrier retired. She reported there was a carrier from Woodside that had destroyed the mail. After many calls to the post office, no one returned her call.

- Mr. Rincon assured everyone that he will answer the phone and respond to all complaints. They are working to assign a postal carrier who is more reliable for this location.

Public Comment

Dorothy Kominsky

Ms. Kominsky discussed the following:

- Big Six Deli is applying for a wine and beer license and believes this is not acceptable as they never sold wine and beer.
- Inquired about the dormitory on 63 and 64th Street and Queens Boulevard.
- Cross walks (medians on Queens Blvd) are not cleaned.
- Homeless Shelters.

Ms. Keehan-Smith reported CB 2 has contacted the DOB concerning the dormitory on several occasions and there has been no movement.

Ms. Keehan-Smith reported that she discussed the medians not being cleaned with the DOT at the last Transportation Committee Meeting. The lanes have to be shut down in order to do this work.

Bill Kregler

Mr. Kregler discussed the following:

- Building Permits for hotels which are turning into homeless shelters.
- Discussed the 50 Story Hotel in LIC.

- Discussed the site of the YMCA on Queens Boulevard.
- Discussed the Quality Inn Hotel which is a homeless shelter.
- CB 2 is the voice of the community.

Amy Paul, Woodside on the Move

Ms. Paul provided the following update:

- Woodside on the Move will be celebrating 40 years in business.
- Announced that on Saturday, October 8, 2016 there will be a Street Fair on 61st Street, and Woodside Avenue.
- Woodside on the Move is offering the following:
 - Free English Classes and Computer Classes.
 - Free legal clinic offered pro-bono from Queens Legal Services.
- Announced the Jobs Homes and Hood Forum was held and that Part 2 will take place on October 30, 2016 at Woodside on the Move and all were invited all to attend.

Andres Pazmino, Citizens Community for NYC

- Non-Profit organization that helps New Yorkers especially those in low income areas to come together and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.
- Provide planning consulting for organizations who wished to beautify their block
- They have a lending library.
- Provide grants.

Jim Condes

Mr. Condes discussed the issue of Access A Ride.

Ms. Keehan-Smith stated CB 2 has written to Queens Borough President Melinda Katz concerning a meeting with her to see how the problem can be corrected.

Ms. Keehan-Smith announced that Access A Ride has been added to the Capital and Expense Budget Priorities.

Witold Rak

Mr. Rak discussed the following:

- Announced he was a former CB 2 Board Member.
- Announced the passing of Assemblyman Ivan Lafayette, he was 86 years old.
- Mr. Rak's announced that his mother passed away.

- Requested CB 2 display their own CB 2 banner at their monthly meetings.
- Reported that the alarm went off from midnight to 8:00 am at the new elementary school next to where he lives.

Paul Salow

Mr. Salow discussed the following:

- There are homeless individuals living at the Quality Inn Hotel on Queens Boulevard.
- He was informed the hotel is for women and children but has learned there are men living there also.
- He has reported complaints concerning loud music to 311 and CB 2.
- Neighbors are complaining about beer bottles and garbage being tossed in the yards and in front of businesses.
- Urged everyone to let their elected officials know we do not want this in our neighborhood.

Ms. Keehan-Smith reported she has spoken to DHS and there are 10 families with men in the household. CB 2 will be scheduling a meeting with DHS next week to address the issues and NYPD will be invited.

Ms. Keehan-Smith reported that CB 2 was not notified and that we have shared these concerns with DHS.

Ms. Keehan-Smith announced the following:

Consumer Affairs Application

This is an application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 Tables and 20 Seats at OWN Vernon LLC/dba Corner Bistro Restaurant located at 47-18 Vernon Boulevard.

The applicant was not present at the meeting.

School Construction Authority

Discussion of proposed new school located at 38-04 48th Street.

Michael Mirisola, Director of External Affairs, SCA provided the following update:

- Thanked CB 2 and elected officials and the members of the community.
- Pursuant to §1731 Of the New York City School Construction Authority Act, notice has been filed for the proposed site selection of Block 125, Lot 10, and any other property in the immediate vicinity which may be necessary for the proposed project,

located in the Borough of Queens, for the construction of a new, approximately 600-seat intermediate school facility in Community School District No. 30.

- The proposed site is privately owned and contains approximately 25,000 square feet (0.57 acres) of lot area.
- It is located at the southwest corner of 48th Street and Barnett Avenue in the Sunnyside Section of Queens.
- The site plan and supplemental material summarizing the proposed action are available at: The New York City School Construction Authority, 30-30 Thomson Avenue, LIC, NY 11101, Attention Ross J. Holden.
- Comments on the proposed actions are to be submitted to the New York City School Construction Authority at the above address or by email to sites@nycsca.org and will be accepted until November 4, 2016.
- Mr. Mirisola discussed the EIS and that it will go before the City Council and then to the Mayor's Office.

Ms. Deller reported the following:

- She stated that Mr. Mirisola attended the Land Use Committee meeting and that he does not represent the Construction Department. He is not communicating the design for the school. The SCA is seeking to acquire the site to construct a school on the former site of the Pulse Gym and the Clarence Stein building that was formerly a pool hall. At the Land Use Meeting, Mr. Mirisola reported that they were not planning to preserve the building.
- She reported the Land Use Committee had concerns about pedestrian traffic and the design.
- The SCA is only at the point of acquisition and they have not undertaken any design yet.
- The SCA would not share anything about the construction design.

Mr. Mirisola stated the following:

- Announced that Kenrick Oh, SCA was present at the meeting.
- The SCA does not own the property.
- They are in the public comment period.
- They do not own the property and do not have a design.
- It would be premature to discuss the design.
- Knows about the historic significance.
- The SCA has not made a determination if the building is coming down.
- They do not answer to the Landmarks Commission.
- SCA is required through legislation to consult with the State Historic Preservation. Once they go through this process and hear from the Board they will see if it is viable to preserve the structure.

- They do not have a design yet.

Public Speakers

Jeffrey Kroessler

Mr. Kroessler spoke about the following:

- He is in opposition to site a school at this location.
- He stated this building is on the National Register of Historic Places.
- He does not believe this is a good site and that it will have an adverse effect in the community.
- Mr. Kroessler is requesting the SCA find a better location for the school.

Laura Heim, Architect and Preservationist

Ms. Heim stated this building should be preserved. She is not against schools. She spoke in opposition for a school at this site.

Herbert Reynolds, Sunnyside Gardens Preservation Alliance

Mr. Reynolds spoke about the following:

- The principal architect of the building, who was Clarence Stein.
- He provided a brief history of Mr. Stein's accomplishments.
- He spoke in opposition to a school at this location.

Liz Reynolds

Ms. Reynolds spoke about the following:

- Read public testimony written by Barry Lewis, an architectural historian, veteran of the PBS Series, who wrote about Mr. Stein's accomplishments.
- She discussed the work of Clarence Stein and she stated this is not an appropriate site for a school at this location.

Diane Giorgi

Ms. Giorgi spoke about the following:

- The proposed school is adjacent to her yard.
- She stated this would affect the quality of life for herself and her neighbors.
- This is part of the Sunnyside Gardens Historic District.
- She discussed the accomplishments of Mr. Stein.

- She requested the building be restored and not destroyed.

Sean McGowan

Mr. McGowan spoke about the following:

- He has been an advocate for a school in Sunnyside.
- He spoke in favor of the middle school at this location.
- He reported this site is up for grabs and if this school does not happen someone will come along to build on the site and it could be twice the size of the current building.
- He discussed the issues of parking.

Deb McGowan

Ms. McGowan along with her husband Mr. McGowan has been an advocate for a school in Sunnyside. She spoke in favor of a middle school at this location.

Katie O'Sullivan

Ms. O'Sullivan spoke about the following:

- Discussed the school overcrowding issue.
- Would like for her children to go to a school they can walk to.
- She asked if they can preserve the building and create a school and asked the SCA representative if they have considered the site at 54th Street and Northern Boulevard, the Sports Authority site, which is a bigger site and the R Train is located there.
- Stated we need a school and that transportation is key.
- She spoke in favor of preservation.

Deborah Alexander, Co-President, CEC 30

Ms. Alexander spoke about the following:

- She is the Co-President of Community Education Council.
- They have been looking for a middle school for many years.
- Everything has been investigated.
- Children have been crossing district lines and taking public transportation to get to a middle school.
- They do not have a zoned middle school.

Valerie Lamour CEC 30, CEC Co-President

Ms. Lamour spoke about the following:

- Advocating for schools in District 30.
- LIC is growing in population and is exploding
- Need a place to educate our children and future taxpayers.
- Need to take care of our children.
- They have looked everywhere for a location for a school.
- CEC is demanding this school will be zoned.
- The façade can be saved.

Arthur Pearson

Mr. Pearson spoke about the following:

- Supports the concept of a school at this location.
- Need to look at the historical context of the area and the building and its significance to the neighborhood.

Thomas Farnham

Mr. Farnham spoke about the following:

- Lives behind the school lot.
- Supportive of the school in the neighborhood.
- Has many questions about how it will be done and would like to know what is being planned.
- Wants to find the right balance for this location.

Gerald Perrin, Co President of the Phipps Garden Tenants Association

Mr. Perrin spoke about the following:

- Urged to seriously consider preserving and restoring the façade of this building.
- The building is the signature work of Clarence Stein, the chief architect of Sunnyside Gardens and one of the great architects of the 20 century.
- The building is on the National Registry of Historic Places, and is part of the Sunnyside Gardens planned community.
- Won first prize for architectural excellence in Queens Borough Chamber of Commerce 1928 competition.
- An imaginative design could be incorporated into the existing building and the exterior into usable space into the new school.
- Phipps Garden Apartments were designed by Clarence Stein.
- Wants to preserve the façade of the existing building.

Peggy Perrin

Ms. Perrin spoke about the following:

- The community has real concerns about this building.
- Hopes this is something that can be resolved for the children of the community.

Jeremy Kareken

Mr. Kareken spoke about the following:

- Lives behind where the school will be located and it will be in his backyard.
- Is not opposed to the school.
- Need to see what the design is and discussed transportation concerns.
- Discussed the issue of parking.
- Wants to see the plan.

Harley Spillar

Mr. Spillar spoke about the following:

- Requesting that the building stay the same.
- Discussed architectural preservation.
- Prefers the site of the Sports Authority.

Michael Mirisola, School Construction Authority

Mr. Mirisola provided the following update:

- Asked the community if they want the SCA to pursue this site for a school.
- No decision has been made as to whether or not they can even preserve this building.
- The building has gone through many changes and has deteriorated a great deal.
- It has ramps and openings where there were none, and has had water infiltration.
- Engineers will look at it and make a determination.
- All these things will go into the mix to determine what kind of building they can build there.
- Does not know if it were possible what the costs will be.
- They are a city agency and have to be concerned about tax dollars.
- This district needs about 6,000 seats and we need approximately 1,500 in this immediate vicinity. This is a real need and there is a need throughout the city.
- Would like to build the type of school that everyone wants. However, they have a fiduciary responsibility to the city and taxpayers to use the money wisely.

- Need 83,000 seats and only have enough for about 50,000.
- Have to be careful with the funds.
- Will work with the state historic folks and will give it their best effort.
- Provided photos with of what the SCA has done in other areas.

Ms. Deller stated we have a history of working with the SCA on design. This is the first time in her experience that SCA has come with no plan. Ms. Deller asked about the process for engaging with Community Board for the design.

Mr. Mirisola stated the following:

- This is the mandated process and the SCA has always followed the process.
- Once we get to the point that this is the site for a school. The SCA can come back, will get their architects on board and will come up with a plan and come back to the Board.
- They have done this in Jackson Heights.
- There will be more give and take.
- Some communities set up a specific design committee to work with the SCA.
- Mr. Mirisola addressed concerns by board members and a discussion followed.

Landmarks Application

39-88 44th Street – This is an application for a backyard fence

Public Comment

Laura Heim, Architect and Preservationist

Ms. Heim spoke about the following:

- The fence is a 6 foot fence in the private yard.
- The Landmarks Commission allows a fence that is 42 inches and is open and transparent at staff level.
- Ms. Heim stated that the open space is precious.

Jeffrey Kroessler

Mr. Kroessler spoke about the following:

- Discussed the openness between neighbors in Sunnyside Gardens and that this enhances the greenspace and idea of neighborliness.
- He spoke in opposition to the plans for the six foot fence.
- This is a violation of the spirit and is an insult to the neighbors.

- He requested the Board vote against a six foot fence.

BSA Application

56-02/20 Broadway – 789-45-BZ

This application seeks to extend the term of the variance for an additional ten years for the Automotive Service Station.

The representative for applicant provided the following update:

- Extension of the term of the variance with no change to an existing Citgo Gas Station located between 56 and 57th Street.
- Photos were reviewed.
- The site was approved by the BSA in 1947.
- It is a 24/7 gas station.
- Five parking spaces.
- Wooden fence along the rear of the property.
- Auto repairs take place from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Saturday, and are closed on Sunday.
- Applicant is seeking term of 10 years.
- There are no changes to the site or the operations.
- Discussed the fire suppression test and have a letter and a test was taken in 2013.
- There are no violations.
- Discussed the certificate of occupancy which is not a current C of O. The applicant is asking for an extension to get a new CO.

Ms. Deller discussed the conditions from 2011 and that there were complaints concerning cars parking on the sidewalk.

The representative discussed the conditions of the variance and stated that they included the following:

- No parking of vehicles on the street.
- No blocking of pedestrian access.
- Premises shall be maintained free of debris and graffiti.
- The canopy lighting shall be directed down and away from residential properties.

Ms. Deller discussed the issue of the fire inspections.

Ms. Deller stated there were no complaints and that we will keep the same stipulations in place and reported that the Land Use Committee made a recommendation to approve the application with the stipulations that are currently in place.

Board Secretary

Ms. Keehan-Smith announced and welcomed Norberto Saldana as the new Secretary of the Executive Board.

Attendance

Total Present 33 Total Absent 15 Quorum Yes

Approval of the September 2016 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes

Marie Konecko made a motion and it was seconded by Ellen Kang to approve the September 2016 Community Board 2 Meeting Minutes.

Chairwoman's Report

Ms. Keehan-Smith provided the following update:

- Congratulated Captain Travaglia on his promotion To Deputy Inspector.
- Ms. Keehan-Smith announced the passing of former Assemblyman Ivan Lafayette and asked the Board Members to observe a moment of silence.
- Announced that Florida is preparing for Hurricane Matthew and many of us know someone living in Florida and that we should keep them in our thoughts that they may be safe during the storm.
- Announced National Coffee With A Cop Day: from 11am-2 at LIC Landing.
- Ms. Keehan-Smith attended Governor Cuomo's presentation on the MTA Transformational Project Meeting.
- CB2 held the Budget Meeting on Capital and Expense Budget Priorities. CB 2 will vote next month.
- CB2 attended the announcement of the new Ferry Landing at Gantry.
- Announced and congratulated Woodside on the Move on celebrating 40 years.
- Announce Kiwanis Club of Sunnyside is having their 69th Anniversary at Dazies Restaurant on Sunday, October 16th at 1:00 pm. For more information contact the Kiwanis at 718 786-4141.
- CB 2 sent a letter to the Borough President concerning Access A Ride. The Borough President has stated they are waiting for the report from the MTA and then will determine when to meet to discuss the findings.
- The Mayor's Office and DHS has responded to CB 2 and will have a meeting to discuss the issues of the Quality Inn Hotel/Homeless Shelter at the location of 53-05 Queens Blvd. Ms. Keehan-Smith stated she spoke with DHS and they are planning to meet with CB 2 within the next couple weeks.
- The Sanitation Department reported that the dumping of trash near the train tracks in Woodside near PS 12 was clean.
- The Public Hearing for the Universal Church located at 68-03 Roosevelt Avenue was held at St. Sebastian's Parish Center. They will come to CB 2 for a vote on November 3, 2016.
- Ms. Keehan-Smith announced that we would accept nominations for the Executive Board and the vote will take place next month.
- 61-12 Laurel Hill Boulevard (aka dumpling factory)

- Community Board 2 received a response from the NYC Department of Buildings concerning 61-12 Laurel Hill Boulevard (aka dumpling factory). This was re-inspected on October 1st and awaiting an update.

Ms. Terrano reported they are cooking at the site and are in violation. The gas has been turned off and you can smell that they are cooking inside the building. Residents of the area are concerned there could be an explosion at the site.

Ms. Keehan-Smith reported further on the following:

- State Parks announced that they are nearing completion of the renovation of the basketball courts at Gantry Park.
- Little Bush Park located at 63rd and 64th Street and 48th Avenue off the BQE. Parks and the Department of Health are partnering to clean and bait areas for rodents.
- John Vincent Daniels and the little greenstreet triangle at 43rd and 51st street is being cleaned and baited and will continue to be monitored by Parks and the DOH.
- Crosson Green Park located at 68th street and 43rd Avenue and Woodside Avenue. The Parks Department and DOH are partnering to handle maintenance and bait rodents until the problem is resolved.
- There is a tree on the vacant lot at 47th Avenue and 59th Street that a local resident complained about earlier this year. CB 2 was advised the property was owned by Raz Corp, but that was incorrect. The property is city owned. Parks and DOT will look into this jointly and get back to CB2.
- Ms. Keehan-Smith reported that we would be voting next month on the LIC /Hunters Point Area Wide Reconstruction.
- The next Community Board Meeting will be Thursday, November 3, 2016.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Ms. Keehan-Smith provided the following update:

- The MTA is planning to have four (4) #7 Line suspensions for signal upgrades this fall. However, they are expected to only need three. The tentative dates are 10/22, 11/13, and 11/20. The W Train is making a comeback.
- PD reported they have issued 70 summonses for speeding on 50th Avenue from 65th Place to 59th Place.
- CB2 requested School Ahead Signs at 68th Street from Garfield Avenue to Maurice Avenue in the vicinity of PS 229 located at 67-25 51st Road. DOT will update the signage and add a 15 mph school slow zone sign.
- DOT has investigated the location of 64-18 Queens Blvd by the Fire Department and will be installing an additional Stop Here on Red Sign for the FDNY.
- DDC Community Advisory Notice resumes Calamus Avenue Project at manhole and catch basin installation at 48th Avenue and 69th Street.

- The next Transportation Meeting will take place on November 1st at 6pm.

Nominations for Executive Board Members

Ms. Keehan-Smith announced that the Board would take nominations from the floor for Community Board 2 officers.

Patrick O'Brien made a motion to nominate the current slate of officers and it was seconded by Carol Terrano seconded the recommendation.

Ms. Keehan-Smith announced that CB 2 would also accept nominations at the November meeting and that a vote will be taken at that meeting.

Santiago Vargas made a motion and it was seconded to close the nominations and all were in favor.

District Manager's Report

Ms. Markell Kleinert provided the following update:

- Attended Budget Consultations.
- Attended the Borough President's opening of the atrium at Borough Hall in honor of former Borough President Helen Marshall.
- Attended the LIC library topping off ceremony with the library and elected officials.
- We are having our candy drive for the children at the metro. Please drop off candy to CB 2.
- The website is updated regularly. We have added additional useful links to city agencies to make it easier to navigate the city system.
- We are in the process of adding additional committee meeting minutes.
- Website www.nyc.gov/queenscb2

Alexis Wheeler, NYC Department of City Planning

Ms. Wheeler provided the following update:

- No new city planning business.
- Ms. Wheeler's comments were inaudible.

In response to a question from a board member, Ms. Wheeler discussed the Vernon Boulevard RFP.

Land Use Committee

Ms. Deller provided the following update:

Consumer Affairs Application

This is an application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 Tables and 20 Seats at OWN Vernon LLC/dba Corner Bistro Restaurant located at 47-18 Vernon Boulevard.

Ms. Deller reported the applicant was not present at the Land Use Committee meeting. There were no violations or complaints concerning this establishment. The Committee had no objections and voted not to oppose the application.

Mr. O'Brien made a motion was made and seconded to not oppose the application. All were in favor of with 29 in favor of the motion 1 opposed and 2 abstentions.

School Construction Authority

Discussion of proposed new school located at 38-04 48th Street.

Ms. Deller reported the following:

- The SCA came to the Land Use Committee Meeting and that they are acquiring a site that is privately owned and contains approximately 25,000 square feet.
- The proposed site is located on Barnett Avenue and 48th Street in Sunnyside
- We are seeking comments from the community.
- We have until November 4, to comment.
- Ms. Deller stated that at the Land Use Committee, the presentation was so brief.
- There was a discussion about traffic and children.
- The SCA stated this is the process and it was not clear that it was the Historical Clarence Stein building.
- There were people from the school board and the position of the parents was discussed.
- There is no plan or design.
- Ms. Deller reported that we have had much more interaction with SCA in the past.
- Ms. Deller reported that the Land Use Committee did not vote on the matter.
- She thought there would be a team to present the project.

Patrick O'Brien stated there is an extraordinary need for seats in the community and the validity of the historic preservation of the building is valid. This is at such a rapid pace and he does not see how we can vote on this. Mr. O'Brien voted to table as we need to get a lot more clarity.

Mr. O'Brien made a motion and it was seconded to table this matter. The vote was 24 in favor of the motion 4 opposed and 1 abstention.

Ms. Deller announced the SCA will be reinvited to attend the next Land Use Committee Meeting, however CB 2 will vote on this in November 3, 2016

A discussion followed.

Landmarks Application

39-88 44th Street

Ms. Deller reported on the following:

- The applicant, Mr. McGowan is not using an architect.
- Seeking to install a higher than normal fence in the back yard.
- Faces the alleyway in the back.
- Working on patio and building a fence. Wants to put in paving stones and plans to do the work all at the same time.
- Renderings were reviewed.
- Bought house two years ago.
- Currently has chain link fence now and it is falling down.
- Fence is 6 feet tall.
- Kids hang out there at night and smoke weed. Has little children and believes it provides more security.
- There is a lot of noise.
- Neighbors have chain link.
- This is an application for a backyard fence in the backyard of the mews and will create a wall. The applicant is seeking privacy and security.
- The Land Use Committee believes it is not keeping with the character of Sunnyside Gardens, want it more open and lower height.
- This will set a precedent for a wall that is higher than what is recommended by Landmarks Commission and she does not feel comfortable with this.
- She stated the idea for Sunnyside Gardens was to be an open area, so yards and homes could be appreciated.
- This is a rear yard and it can't be seen from the street, it is a driveway, it is not an open court.
- The applicant is seeking to do things the right way.

A discussion followed.

Patrick O'Brien made a motion and it was seconded by Steven Cooper to oppose the application. The vote was 30 in favor of the motion 2 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Ms. Deller reported on the following:

BSA Application

56-02/20 Broadway – 789-45-BZ

This application seeks to extend the term of the variance for an additional ten years for the Automotive Service Station.

Ms. Deller discussed the stipulation agreement.

- No parking of vehicles on the street.
- No blocking of pedestrian access.
- Premises shall be maintained free of debris and graffiti.
- The canopy lighting shall be directed down and away from residential properties.

Ms. Deller they have lived up to the stipulations.

Stephen Cooper made a motion and it was seconded to not oppose the application. The vote was 32 in favor of the motion 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Universal Church

Ms. Deller provided the following update:

- There was a public hearing at St. Sebastian's and there was a big turnout.
- Many from the community came out to express their concern about the construction of the 8 story church.
- It is currently on Roosevelt Avenue and they are seeking to build on their parking lot and need a variance to do this.
- The proposal will expand the number of attendees for their services.
- It will be a big project in Woodside.
- They will present to the Board in November.

Environment Committee

Ms. Morehead provided the following update:

- Announced that Smiling hogs head ranch has been selected by the MTA to maintain the property
- Want to acquire a caboose and a couple of railroad cars
- There is a lot of work to be done at the site.
- It will be done a staged process.
- Ms. Morehead attended an East River Floating Lantern Ceremony, you can see six feet to the bottom of the water and it was a wonderful event.
- Invited anyone who is interested in Newtown Creek to attend the presentation at the next Environment Committee Meeting in October.

City Services & Public Safety Committee

Mr. O'Brien provided the following update:

- Recent changes in the law as they relate to SLA enforcement.
- Had a meeting with Senator Peralta to discuss liquor licenses on Roosevelt Avenue.
- City Services Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 13, 2016

Health & Human Services Committee

Dr. Savard provided the following update:

- ACQC had to cancel their appearance at the last meeting.
- ACQC will attend the November 14, 2016 Health and Human Services Committee.
- Announced that Patrick Murray is on the Elmhurst Hospital Advisory Board.
- Worked with the Executive Board on a letter concerning Access A Ride.
- Wrote a letter to EDC regarding Ferry service to the Upper East Side and hope the Transportation Committee supports this letter.
- Dr. Savard requested that the Community Board 2 Meetings begin a little earlier each month.

Ms. Keehan-Smith stated we would discuss this and take a vote in November.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

MA Gurrado

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